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**All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group**  
Thursday, July 12, 2012

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kevin Counihan, Jeannette DeJesús, Uma Ganesan (for Roderick Bremby), Sue Hoben, Matthew Katz, Kim Martone, Dean Myshrall, Pat Rehmer, Bobbi Schmidt, Bob Tessier, Tom Woodruff

**Members Absent:** Robert Aseltine, Ben Barnes, Kevin Lembo, Thomas Leonardi, Jewel Mullen, Mark Schaefer, Vicki Veltri

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**Welcome and Introductions**

Jeannette DeJesús called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes of the May 31 Meeting**

The members voted to approve the minutes of the May 31 meeting.

**Funding Update**

Ms. DeJesús began by discussing funding for the APCD. She said that funding had been sought as part of the Health Insurance Exchange Level 1 grant, but that request was denied. The Exchange is currently seeking funding for the APCD as part of its Level 2 grant application.

Ms. DeJesús introduced Linda Green of Freedman Healthcare, a consultant who is assisting with the planning of the APCD, to discuss the APCD budget. Ms. Green spoke about the major elements of the APCD budget, including a data manager, acquisition costs for data, staff members, and other expenses including a website and operations. Bob Tessier, Matthew Katz, and Dean Myshrall expressed concerns about hiring one company to both manage and analyze data. Ms. Green responded that such an arrangement would create efficiencies, and said that several companies are capable of handling both management and analysis.

Ms. Green detailed the proposed budget allocations for the next two years, which total \$6.5 million. She said that in order to obtain this funding from the federal government, the Exchange would need to demonstrate that the APCD would support the Exchange by providing valuable data on performance, cost, and quality.

## **Report on Use Case Interviews**

Ms. DeJesús introduced Sue Hoben to discuss use case interviews. Ms. Hoben said that she had conducted a number of interviews with a variety of stakeholders to determine their expectations, questions, and concerns regarding the APCD. Stakeholders suggested a wide range of questions which might be able to be answered by data in the APCD. Many said that currently available data were incomplete, and that they hoped that the APCD would provide a greater depth and breadth of information.

Ms. Hoben said that there would be ongoing conversations with stakeholders regarding questions and expectations. Ms. DeJesús praised Ms. Hoben's work on the use case interviews, and emphasized that the first priority of the APCD is to serve the data needs of the Exchange.

## **Review of Draft Regulations**

Bobbi Schmidt began the discussion of the draft regulations for the APCD. She said that many stakeholders, including members of the Advisory Group and representatives of payers, had already provided valuable input on the regulations.

Ms. Schmidt read through sections of the draft regulations and asked if there were questions or comments. Several members asked questions regarding definitions of terms, and Ms. Schmidt clarified these definitions. Mr. Tessier and Mr. Katz expressed concern about the submission of data from reporting entities, according to the terms in the regulations. They said that data might not be submitted in a uniform format and quality. Ms. Schmidt said that she would work with Ms. Green to address these issues.

Mr. Katz asked whether someone could request data from the APCD under the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Schmidt said that she and Ms. Green would look into this issue and ensure that APCD data would be protected.

Mr. Tessier expressed concern about the reporting of individuals' Social Security numbers for the APCD, and Mr. Katz expressed similar concerns about providers' tax identification numbers. Ms. Schmidt responded that she would discuss these issues with Ms. Green.

## **Establishment of Reporting Plan Subcommittee**

Ms. Schmidt said that she was in the process of establishing a Reporting Plan Subcommittee, and asked anyone interested in serving on this group to contact her.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.